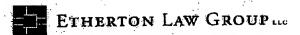
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## I. Response to Office Action Timely Filed

On June 28, 2007, Applicant's attorney timely submitted a reply to the Office Action of March 28, 2007 by facsimile transmission, certified by Applicant's attorney, Sandra L. Etherton, as required by 37 CFR 1.8(a). Exhibit A is a copy of the reply and certificate of transmission, The response was filed within the shortened statutory period and is considered timely filed. Exhibit B is the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission from the Patent Office, signaling that the complete response was received and the transmission completed successfully. Exhibit C is a printout of the facsimile machine's sending report showing a successful transmission, submitted as evidence of timely transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(b)(3).

## II. Statement of Timely Transmission

37 CFR 1.8(b)(3) requires a statement which attests on a personal knowledge basis or to the satisfaction of the Director to the previous timely mailing or transmission. Applicant's attorney certified the transmission of the reply filed on June 28, 2007, and attests now on a personal knowledge basis that the reply was timely transmitted to the Patent Office.

# III. Request to Enter Correspondence As Timely Filed

Applicant has appropriately demonstrated that a reply to the Office Action was timely filed under 37 CFR 1.8(a) and requests that the reply be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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